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Serve your people, not your pockets- Dean



Postgraduate School Dean, Prof. Abimbola

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The Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Isaac O. Abimbola, has said that participation in Student Union activities either at the undergraduate or the postgraduate level is an avenue for students to prepare for future and greater challenges, and this requires that student leaders see their political offices as an opportunity to serve others and not a means of embezzling money or enriching their pockets.

Prof. Abimbola made this submission while delivering his speech at the handing over of the leadership of the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) and swearing in of the newly elected officers of the Association last (Monday, April 11, 2011) at the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin.
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'Why IT experience is more valuable than money'

The Area Director of the Kwara State Zone of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Mr. T. J. Gambari, has observed that the experience as well as the knowledge gained by students who undergo the Industrial Training scheme is more valuable than the allowances they receive even if the allowance is increased to N15 million.



Kwara State Zone Area Director, ITF,
Mr. Gambari

The Director made this observation last Thursday (April 14, 2011) while speaking at the 2011 Students Industrial Work Experience and Service (SIWES) pre-placement orientation programme held at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

Mr. Gambari noted that as Industrial Training students, the trainees are exposed to a life-long experience which will equip them to be independent employers of labour just as it avails them opportunity to sell themselves to employers and secure jobs.

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Postgraduate students swear in new leaders

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According to the Dean, the election of the new executive committee of POGSASS is significant because it is coming at a time when Nigeria is also holding her general elections. He therefore charged all postgraduate students to keep an eye on the larger society, observe what is being done right and what is being done wrong in order to learn and moderate their own activities.

The Professor of Science Education appreciated the out-gone President of the Association, Mr. Obiseye Obiyemi, for steering the ship of the Association well over the past year. He noted that the previous leadership of the Association left a legacy of quality intellectual activities, one of which was the coordination of postgraduate students through a regular meeting of course representatives, a development which he said had yielded positive fruits.

The Dean also charged the Association to ensure that they have greater visibility in the University community, always follow due process in their activities and consult widely to record achievements. He then encouraged PhD students to be more active so that the Association can benefit from the experience of the older students.

Speaking further, Prof. Abimbola tasked the Association to “set the pace in women occupying important positions, and not just one woman. Encourage female participation more because if ladies are willing to offer themselves as ushers at Master’s level like a lady I met during the POGSASS public seminar, then they should be given more encouragement.” He also noted that the University at large and the Postgraduate School in particular look forward to feeling more positive impacts of the Association as he noted that a member of the past leadership of POGSASS donated the generator currently being used by the School whenever there is power failure.

In his own address at the event, the Secretary of the Postgraduate School, Mr. Olabisi Adewara, congratulated the members of the Association on the smooth transfer of power noting that people seek offices for different reasons. He challenged the newly elected committee to use the leadership opportunity they have to make a good name for themselves and also charged them to be team players while reminding them that they will also account for their primary assignment at the University.

The representative of the Legal Unit of the University of Ilorin at the occasion, Mrs. Barakat Raji, who conducted the swearing in, counselled the new office holders against violating constituted laws and their conscience in their activities. She also urged the new leaders to be diligent, responsible and focused in what they do.

Speaking earlier, the outgone President, Mr. Obiyemi expressed his gratitude to God for giving him and his team the opportunity to serve. He also appreciated the Dean of the Postgraduate School without whose support he said nothing would have been achieved by his Administration.

The Chairman of the Independent Postgraduate Students Electoral Commission (IPSEC), Mr. Yakubu Suleiman, introduced the new executive committee of the Postgraduate Students at the occasion. According to him, the students listed below were duly elected to serve the Association for the next one session:

Mr. Adeyemi Sanjo	- President
Miss Ogbah Janet Ajokpaoghene	- Vice-President
Mr. Rajee Abdullahi	- General Secretary
Mr. Onalapo Olatayo Stephen	- Financial Secretary
Mr. Omoleyomi Bamidele	- Treasurer
Mr. Olawale Akinmide Christopher	- Welfare Director
Mr. Haruna Razak Kehinde	-Social Director

Unilorin: The Brand Begins from the Gate

Since the establishment of the first university in the world as part of the Zaytuna Mosque complex in Ifrikyia, modern Tunisia (the dates are disputed to be 698 or 732), and the other first generation universities including the Qarawiyyin University founded in Fez, Morocco in 859, the University of Cordoba (founded in Spain in 968) and the Azhar University (Cairo 988), universities all over the world have been reputed as cities within cities. Not a few universities, and Azhar is a case study, had succeeded in branding their hosting communities and cities.

This trend continued with the founding of European universities in the 11th and 12th centuries, springing up with the University of Bologna (founded in 1088), the University of Paris (established around 1150) and the University of Oxford (opened in 1167).



University of Ilorin Gate: Then



University of Ilorin Gate: Now

Even five centuries later, with the founding of Harvard University in 1636, branding remained a characteristic feature of these noble institutions which have enhanced the quality of humanity by shaping and developing minds, nations and the world. It is crucial to note that one of the most important icons by which cities and universities are branded is the gate.

Historically, the oldest city gate is the Lion City Gate of Mycenae in Greece, constructed during the period of Aegean civilisation between the 12th and 14th Century B. C. The remains of this gate were excavated in the late 19th century. In modern times as well, people have continued to value city gates. In 1971, the Shahyad Tower, a marble gateway of Tehran, which stands at a height of 45 metres, was opened. Gated cities today include the cities of Delhi in India, Seoul in South Korea, and of course, Abuja in Nigeria while many Nigerian universities are marked by their gates. The University of Ilorin, rated as the best of the 117 universities in Nigeria and as one of the best 20 universities in Africa, is among them.

Being the first point of physical and emotional contact with the university, the authorities of the University have recognised the importance of the gate as the first impression that lasts long and have given it regular face-lifts in recent times. This year, the gate has just been painted with a new brush and the ambience of its new look has been attracting tourists from within and outside the University.

The gate now stands taller with an additional storey just added. The gate, gracefully ensconced at its strategic location is an irresistible beauty to behold. This view is complemented by the upgraded Biological Garden adjacent it. Painted in a glory of gold and yellow complemented by other university colours, the Unilorin gate is a visual delight, resplendently in a paradise of lush greenery surrounding it.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ The USA has more personal computers than the next seven countries combined.
- ❖ By combining the force of numbers with organised aggression, ants have become the greatest insect killers on earth – even of their own kind.
- ❖ The longest word in the English dictionary now is 1909 letters long and it refers to a distinct part of the DNA.
- ❖ The chameleon's tongue is twice the length of its body.

Students tasked as they set for Industrial Training

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The Director revealed that in the recent past, five students of the University of Ilorin secured jobs while on Industrial Training (IT) because of their dedication. He noted that one of them who studied Computer Science clinched the job because he was the only one who could use a new software procured at his place of assignment.

Mr. Gambari urged the students to be inspired by the experience he had shared with them and be dedicated and diligent while on industrial training. He also warned them against all actions unbecoming of students who are distinguished by “character and learning” or attributes of the University of Ilorin products.

In his address, the Chairman of the occasion and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, said that SIWES is a medium of interfacing between the theoretical lessons learnt in the classroom and the practical experience at the industry adding that the experience is the beginning of greater things which the students can do for themselves in life.



L-R: Dr. Nzeh, Mr. Gambari, Prof. Ayorinde, Prof. Oladosu and Prof. Umoh last Thursday

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Luke Ayorinde, the University expects students to return from their Industrial Training Experience as new beings with new insights that will gear them to take their lecturers to task based on their new knowledge. He also thanked the ITF for its support to the University and said the University is as interested in criticism from the ITF as it is interested in the money provided by the Fund remarking that the University is desirous of knowing areas in which it can make further improvements as a global player.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the acting Director of SIWES Unit, Dr. Chioma G. Nze, disclosed that ITF started the SIWES programme for Engineering students in Nigeria before expanding the training to other Faculties. She noted that the orientation programme organised by her Unit is held to acquaint students with procedures, challenges and expectations during their training.

According to her 1,600 students of the University are on SIWES pre-placement list and they will have access to relevant technology not available in the University during the training adding that the Industrial Training is an opportunity that should be seized to acquire more skills.

While the Dean of Science, Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, told the students at the occasion that they would be questioned in class on what they learn during their training, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Sunday H. Umoh, in his own goodwill message told the students that they needed to be abreast of current trends because today’s modern technology is the obsolete technology of tomorrow.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, advised the students to guard against procrastination just as he charged them to make the maximum use of their life, youth, health, wealth and leisure in order to guard against regrets now and later.

Student representatives organise variety programme

The legislative arm of the University of Ilorin Students Union, the Students Representative Council (SRC), has finalised arrangements to organise a four-day event at the University Ilorin between today (April 18) and Thursday (April 21) at the University.

According to a statement co-signed by the Speaker and the Clerk of the Council, Rt. Hon. Akintade Adegboyega and Hon. Jegede Ibukun respectively, the week, themed “Building Tomorrow’s Leaders”, will feature a variety of activities.

The activities include press conference, novelty football match, entrepreneurship training, health education, risk management training, among others.

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Lecture on Entrepreneurship Organised by the University for its Final Year Students at the University Auditorium on Tuesday, March 1, 2011

I feel glad to welcome you all to the lecture of today. I especially welcome our distinguished Guest Lecturers to the University of Ilorin, which has now become one of the best 20 universities in Africa, according to international assessors. It is my hope that at the end of today's occasion, our esteemed lecturers will find honouring our invitation worthwhile and the audience here, particularly our final year students, will find their participation illuminating and life-defining. Once again, you are all welcome.

Let me begin by stating the obvious that one incontestable reality of the modern age is that it is very challenging. There are so many issues that are being faced today at various facets of life that were not experienced in the past in terms of intensity and impact. The major challenge of the day is to brace up to the challenges of today. You will agree with me that challenges bring changes; that change is necessary and that the only permanent thing in life is change.

The change I am talking about is evident in the fact that there was a time in Nigeria that jobs were waiting for graduates. Then, different employers waited on the days of graduation jostling to attract fresh graduates right on the university campuses. The graduate was the beautiful bride with many suitors and she would be the one to decide who among the several suitors would benefit her most. Then, the philosophy was to get admitted, study hard and get a job. Unfortunately, that era is gone.

However, the situation today is different and as such, a different orientation is desirable. There are no longer jobs as they used to be and graduate unemployment is a major challenge that Nigeria is facing. Indeed, as a former Minister of Education, Dr. Sam Egwu, stated last year, only 20% of the graduates are employable in the current situation. As *necessity is the mother of invention*, today's reality compels the current philosophy that graduates should be job creators rather than job seekers. The University of Ilorin is one of the first universities in Nigeria to begin entrepreneurship studies as part of its academic curriculum and the lecture of today is an additional icing on the cake.

As I said in an address I called "Seeing is Believing" delivered on May 7, 2010 in this Auditorium when the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) was holding its conference here, it is our hope that with programmes on entrepreneurship such as this, our youths and graduates would be "more empowered to think big by starting small instead of always looking for jobs, many of which the youths are not even qualified for as a result of dearth of necessary skills." I also said then, and I wish to reiterate it, that entrepreneurship skills that should be cultivated by you include basic skills, communication skills, leadership skills, emotional intelligence skills, financial management skills, project management skills, time management skills, problem solving skills and interpersonal skills, among others like creative thinking skills.

Therefore, dear students, it is essential that you appreciate that your future lies in your own hands and you have the power to invent it. Everyone has a talent that can be converted to success. The problem that many people have is lack of imagination. It is imagination that gives shape to knowledge, that provides wings for knowledge to fly because knowledge, as important as it is, is useless when it is not used or put into practice.

Let me remind you that John Kennedy, the former American President, in a moment once imagined that there would be a time when man would be able to walk on the moon. As impossible as the idea sounded then, the image was converted to a goal and the forces of knowledge were deployed to inventing the technology that made the imagination possible. You need to dream your dream and fire your imagination. However, you should always remember, as Saleem Rana wrote, that "the imagination gone astray is worry; the imagination gone wild is neurosis; and the imagination gone berserk is psychosis." If I may shed a bit of light on that, you know there are people in Nigeria, at this point in 2011, who are

worried, neurotic and psychotic on account of their ambition or imagination. So, do not allow your imagination to go astray or wild or berserk.

Lastly, this lecture is organised as a matter of necessity and *necessity is the mother of invention*. You should make a good use of it. It was not considered necessary in the past but we consider it so now because the challenges you will be facing when you graduate into the world of work are different from the ones that I, for instance, faced when I graduated from this University 30 years ago. You owe yourselves a duty to listen attentively and consider the gains as the necessary fillip you need to set yourselves on the track of self-discovery and future assurance. The two guest lecturers have been specially chosen and I have no doubt that you will consider yourselves lucky listening to them.

Thank you very much for your attention and I wish you the best.

Submit your memoranda, VC urges staff

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the staff of the University to respond to the call for memoranda circulated to the University of Ilorin so that the University staff can take advantage of the opportunity to make contributions to the development of education in the country.

Speaking on the “call for memoranda” signed by the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, Prof. Nicholas A. Damachi, Prof. Oloyede said it is “a good opportunity” that the university staff need to use through making their submissions. The full text of the statement reads:

“His Excellency, Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, chaired the National Stakeholders Summit of the Reclamation, Restoration and Sustenance of Quality and Ethics in Education in Nigeria from 4th – 5th October, 2010. In order to concretize the gains of the Summit, Mr. President has also set up a Presidential Task Team on Education chaired by Prof. Pai Obanya with a view to repositioning the sector.

The Terms of Reference of the Task Team are to:

- re-focus and re-structure existing policies of education at all levels;
- determine the best institutional arrangement for the management, regulation and coordination of education at all levels;
- propose a sustainable funding arrangement for education;
- develop programs and projects that would attract talented persons to the teaching professions;
- examine all laws militating against the delivery of quality education; and
- examine ethical issues in education and propose steps to restore ethics.

“As part of its inclusive Policy, the Presidential Task Team invites stakeholders and the general public to contribute and participate in its discussions. For a real-time link with the Team, log on to the web site, www.ptte.gov.ng or forward Memoranda of not more than 250 words (Font size 12 of single line spacing) to info@ptte.gov.ng. Last date for the submission of Memoranda is on the 24th April, 2011.

“Memoranda can also be submitted to the Secretary, Presidential Task Team on Education, Department of Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja.”

Appreciation

The entire Babatolu Family wish to express their deep appreciation to the entire University Community, Management, Faculty members, staff, students and the general public for the overwhelming spiritual, moral and financial support given during the hospitalisation and eventual death of both Dr. Ayodele and Mrs. Morenike Babatolu (JP) our parents on 2nd and 6th April, 2011 respectively.

Words are not enough to express the family’s heartfelt gratitude. Only God can reward you all.

Burial arrangements will be announced soonest.

Thank you.

Mrs. F.M. Olowoleni.

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND TENDERING FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT: YEAR 2010 ETF INTERVENTION IN HOSTING OF WAUG 2011

1. Preamble

The University of Ilorin desires to purchase some specialist Sports Equipment. To achieve this purpose, contractors that specialize in the supply and installation of high standard equipment are hereby invited to submit prequalification documents and also tender for the supplies.

2. Brief Description of Scope of Work

The equipment include:

- (i) Transportable wooden or synthetic floor FIBA approved for International Competition
- (ii) LCD digital Electronic Score Board
- (iii) FIBA Approved Basket ball Backstop
- (iv) Judo mat
- (v) Adjustable high jump complete, set of I.A.A.F. standard hurdle stand, etc.
- (vi) I.A.A.F. approved complete starting guns, etc.

3. Pre-qualification Requirements

Documents to be submitted shall include but not limited to:

- (a) Evidence of incorporation of company by Corporate Affairs Commission.
- (b) Evidence of current registration with the Federal Ministry of Works.
- (c) Evidence of tax clearance certificate for the last three years.
- (d) Company's Audited Accounts for the last three years.
- (e) Evidence of verifiable experience on similar jobs giving names of clients, contract sum and evidence of practical completion.
- (f) Letters of reference from Bankers and copies of current bank statement.

4. Pre-qualification Fee

Interested contractors are required to pay a non refundable documentation fee of N100,000.00. The payment should be in a bank draft made payable to the University of Ilorin.

5. Collection of Tender Documents

Tender documents could be collected from the office of the Director, Physical Planning Unit on presentation of receipt of payment issued by the Bursary Department, University of Ilorin for the documentation fee. Collection of documents is between 8.00 am and 3.30 pm daily from 18th April to 29th April 2011.

6. Bid Security

Each Tender is to be supported by a bank bid security to the tune of 2% of the tender price. Any tender that is not accompanied by a valid bid security shall be disqualified.

7. Submission of Document

The prequalification documents and the commercial tender document shall be submitted in separate envelopes to the office of Registrar, University of Ilorin. The envelopes should be separately marked on the top left hand corner:

- (a) Pre-qualification documents for Sports Equipment
- (b) Commercial Tender for Sports Equipment

Submission should be made on or before 12 noon on Friday, 13th May, 2011.

8. Opening of Submissions

The pre-qualification documents shall be opened at 2.00 pm in the University Main Auditorium on 13th May, 2011.

Pre-qualification contractors would be contacted on the date for the opening of the commercial bid.

All contractors are invited to attend the opening exercise.

Please note that the University of Ilorin is neither committed nor obligated to short list any contractor or to award the contract to any contractor. The University reserves the right to reject any bid.

Olufoluke O. OYEYEMI (Mrs.)

Registrar

LEARNED CONFERENCE

The University of Ilorin has sponsored/ supported the following academic staff to learned conferences:

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Dr. Adeyemi, Olalere	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	Yoruba Studies Association of Nigeria (YSAN)	Federal College of Education, Abeokuta	5 th – 9 th October, 2010
Dr. Jimoh, Y. Alaro	Civil Engineering	NSE International Conference & AGM	Abuja	6th -10th December, 2010
Prof. Johnson, Wahab B. Rotimi	Paediatrics & Child Health	Paediatrics Association of Nigeria's Annual Conference	Abuja	11 th to 15 th January, 2011
Mr. Ahmed, Yusuf Alapata	Geography	Association of Nigerian Geographers (ANG)	Usman Dan-Fodio University, Sokoto	14th to 17th February, 2011
Dr. (Mrs.) Olademo, Oyeronke	Religions	Annual Conference of the Department of Religious Studies. University of Ibadan	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	20th to 23rd February, 2011
Dr. (Mrs.) Ogunleye-Adetona, C.I.	Geography	52nd Annual Conference of Association of Nigerian Geographers	Usmanu Dan-Fodio University, Sokoto	14th to 17th February, 2011

2010/2011 Staff Development - Renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mr. I. Kareem	Ph.D.	Agronomy
Mr. A.R. Anwar	Ph.D.	Civil Engineering
Mr. A.O. Ameen	Ph.D.	Computer Science
Mrs. S.A. Adebayo	Ph.D.	Agricultural Extension and Rural Development

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Owope, Oludare B.	Dean's Office, Faculty of Information and Communication Sciences	17th April
2.	Afolabi, Olayemi A.	Establishments	18th April
3.	Ojuade, Jeleel O.	Performing arts	18th April
4.	Olowoleni, Folaranmi M.	Deputy Registrar (Academic)	19th April
5.	Abdulsalam, Hashir A.	Religions	20th April
6.	Adewole, Saratu	Bursary	20th April
7.	Agbede, Olajide O.	Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	20th April
8.	Alabi, Toyin M.	Internal Audit	20th April
9.	Adewoyin, Kabir A.	Establishments	21st April
10.	Olobayo, Joseph J.	Educational Technology	21st April
11.	Popoola, Ademola A.	Surgery	21st April
12.	Saidu, Sikirulah M.	Vice-Chancellor's Office	21st April
13.	Sunmonu, Taofik O.	Biochemistry	22nd April

Are you a staff member of the University? Do you also want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? If yes, please send your details as shown above (surname, first name and initial of middle name with your Department/ Office and date of birth) to us a week before the expected date of publication. All requests are subject to space availability and are treated on a first-come first-served basis. You are entitled to a hard copy of the edition in which your name is published. Happy birthday to you!

LAUGH LINES

It was a day after a general election characterised by violence and killings in few parts of the country. The English teacher appeared before the class and the topic was Tenses.

Teacher: I killed a person yesterday. Can someone convert this to a future tense?

Student The future tense is "You will go to jail soon!"

57 Cape Coast varsity dons to storm Unilorin for conference

At least 57 staff, mainly lecturers of the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, will be arriving the University of Ilorin at the end of this month for the second joint international conference of the top two African universities.

The delegation will be led to the University by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast and President of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang.

Apart from this number, dozens of scholars from other Ghanaian universities who have indicated interest in attending the conference, themed “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”, will also be arriving the University.

According to a statement issued by the International Organising Committee of the conference, of the hundreds of abstracts received, only about 160 papers are slated for presentation at the conference, which holds between May 1 and 4 at the University of Ilorin.

Several Nigerian universities, institutions and research centres across the country and scholars from Europe will also participate in the conference.

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ While speaking at the prominent personality lecture organised in honour of the former Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, who is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, a professor of Otorhinoryngology, Foluwasayo Ologe, has called for the overhaul of the Nigerian education system such that individual talents will be recognised and learners will be made to develop such talents.
(‘Don calls for skills-based education’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, April 14, 2011, pp.25-26)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin will sponsor at least 65 of its staff who have submitted their abstracts to the joint international conference of the University with the University of Cape Coast, Capa Coast, Ghana, the second edition of which the University of Ilorin will be hosting next month under the theme of “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”.
(‘UNILORIN to sponsor 65 staff to confab’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p.25)
- ❖ Both Prof. J. A. Obaleye of the Department of Chemistry and Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi of the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Ilorin, have noted that they would be concluding their STEP-B research projects while conducting the STEP-B Project Management team, chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, round their laboratories.
(‘We’ll soon conclude STEP-B research projects’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ A joint conference of the University of Ilorin and Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, on the theme of “Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development” will hold in June at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Cape Peninsula varsity partners institution’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ The Director of Chemical Engineering Programmes, Aston University, United Kingdom, Dr. James Omotayo Titiloye, will deliver the second Departmental Lecture of the Chemical Engineering Department of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Chemical Engineering hold departmental lecture’, *Nigerian Tribune*, p.25)
- ❖ A University of Ilorin don and Chief Imam of the University, Prof. Abdulganiyu Oladosu, has emphasised the need to abide by the do’s and don’t’s of marriage as specified by Islam while solemnizing a marriage in Ilorin recently.
(‘Don counsels couple on principles of Islam’, *The Herald*, Friday, April 15, 2011, p.18)
- ❖ A writer has exercised his freedom of expression, though not informed by professional investigation, by questioning the preparedness of the University of Ilorin for the West Africa University Games (WAUG), the 13th edition of which the University will be hosting later in the year.
(‘WAUG 2011: how prepared is the ‘Better by far University?’’, *The Herald*, same date, p.21)

Unilorin in the News

- ❖ The acting Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Badmas Lanre Yusuf, has emphasised the need to give Arabic the same recognition accorded French while speaking at recent Radio Kwara discussion programme, "Focal Point".
(‘Don stressed importance of Arabic language’, *National Pilot*, Monday 11 – Wednesday 13, April, 2011, p.5)
- ❖ The Dean of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adekunle S. Olorundare, in an interview has submitted that teachers alone cannot be blamed for the poor academic performance of students in the education system saying that all stakeholders have to ensure that they contribute their quota.
(‘System, not teachers should be blamed for education woes’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.15)
- ❖ Prof. Foluwasayo Ologe of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, University of Ilorin, has called for a functional education system that will provide for the natural talents of individual students while speaking at a recent lecture organised by the National Association of Science Students (NASS) University of Ilorin Chapter while in another development, Professors T. S. Ibiyemi and J. A. Obaleye have notified the public that they are at the verge of completing their multi-million naira STEP-B research projects.
(‘Lecturer canvasses skills-based education in varsities’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, April 12, 2011, p.40)
- ❖ A lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, Mr. Adebisi Moses, has urged the newly elected National Assembly members to be responsible to the people who elected them while featuring in a radio programme, "The Platform".
(‘Lecturer tasks elected National Assembly members’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, April 13, 2011, p.2)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has called for nominations for the appointment of emeritus professors of the University from its faculty and college members.
- ❖ (‘UNILORIN calls for nominations for emeritus professors’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, April 13, 2011, p.16)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has recently received the members of the delegation of Virginia State University, USA, who spent a week in the university discussing various areas of collaboration and partnership to accelerate development.
(‘US, UNILORIN dons compare notes on global development’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.17)
- ❖ While conducting visits round various Faculties and units of the University of Ilorin, the 2011 Visitation Panel to the University, chaired by Prof. Murtala Salau, has noted that the purpose of the visit was not to witch-hunt anyone.
(‘Our visit is not to witch-hunt, says panel’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.18)
- ❖ As part of their commitment to the promotion of scholarship, the authorities of the University of Ilorin are set to fully sponsor no fewer than 65 staff of the University to the second international joint conference with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana which will be hosted soon by the University.
(‘UNILORIN sponsors staff to joint conference’, *This Day*, Wednesday, April 13, 2011, p.45)
- ❖ While the University of Ilorin is planning to host its second joint conference with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, next month, its first joint conference with Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, will also hold at the University in June, 2011.
(‘UNILORIN, Cape Varsity co-host conference’, *The Nation*, Thursday, April 14, 2011, p.26)
- ❖ A 100 level student of Zoology, University of Ilorin, Wale Bakare, has discussed the new fashion trend among the University male students in an article.
(‘Fashion statement among UNILORIN students’, *The Nation*, same date, p.31)

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Quotes of the Week

Your past cannot be changed, but you can change your tomorrow by your actions today.
- Mike Murdock

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty, inaccuracy of dishonesty. – Charles Simmons

Great opportunities come to all, but many do not know that they have met them. The only preparation to take advantage of them is...to watch what each day brings.
- Albert Dunning